DEAL WITH OUR PAST

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE VIR-GINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT BRYAN'S REPORT READ

It Contains Much General Information to Those Who Love the Mother State-Election of Officers for the Ensuing Year.

The annual meeting of the Virginia Historical Society was held at the home of that organization, on east Franklin street. at 8 o'clock last night. The attendance was quite large and the reports submitted very gratifying. When the session was opened Colonel William H. Palmer was called to the chair and Mr. Robert Lee Traylor was made acting secretary. The first matter of business was the consideration of the report of the president of the society, Mr. Joseph Bryan, which was as

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT. To the Members of the Virginia Histori-

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The Executive Committee of your society have the honor to submit the following as their annual report for the past year:

The additions to membership have been 90, of which 5 are life members. The membership is now 65 life and 887 annual members Total, 752, after making all adductions for members who have died, resigned, or otherwise been removed from the rolls. The increase in membership over last year is 6. This does not include either honorary or corresponding members.

TREASURER'S REPORT. The treasurer's report shows for the year ending November 7, 1896; RECEIPTS.

Yearly dues collected Life members paid Sales of books Interest collectel	170	83
Total	\$1,141	61
EXPENDITURES.	1896	
Paid for printing	\$1.013	50
Paid sclaries		90
Paid extra services		
Paid janitor	240	
Paid postage	. 264	40
Paid insurance		U.N.N.
Paid general expenses	. 412	
Paid permanent fund	. 168	00
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The comparison of the financial statement of the society for the year 1856 with that of 1855 presents a most gratifying contrast. It will show an increase in receipts from annual members of 381.85, and from sale of books 23.46, and a decrease in expenses of 328.15, after allowing for 34.44 decrease of interest Our permanent fund, which had been trenched upon, has been raised to the full sum of \$2.000 cash, \$100 Virginia State bond, and \$100 due by life members, making a total of \$2.200.

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The additions to the library for the year ending December 1, 1996, of books and pamphlets were 330. Among these were the gifts to the society by the late William H English of his "Conquest of the Northwest" in two volumes; the original printed reports of the Mr. Vernon Association, presented by Mrs. Emma R. Ball, of Richmond, a member of the Board of Regents; "Memories of the War to 1965," by Captain William H Blackford; the earliest edition of "Carlton's Campaign," presented by Commodore Buford, of Boston, Mass. Gifts were also made by Dr. W. R. Whitehead, E. W. James, Thomas Marshali Green, Genera Bradley T. Johnston Mr. D. M Massie and Mr. Barton H. Wise, Our late associate, Dr. William P. Palmer, made and Mr. Barton H. Wise, Our late associate, Dr. William P. Palmer, made and Mr. Barton H. Wise, Our late associate, Dr. William P. Palmer, made and alarge and valuable gift of books relating principally to Vitainia Mr. L. M. Robinson deposited with the society, for its use, a full set of the "British Encyclonedia" and a large edition of Webster's Dictions and other papers relating to the early Virginia families, and Mr. John T. Harris, Jr. of Harrisonburg, bas given us the original enrolling-book of Rockingham county in the late war.

The acceptance of the Madison State papers, bequesthed to the society by Mr. W. Corcoran, were this year delivered by his executors to the society brown and are now stored in our bolidian. And are now stored in our bolidian.

in our rooms.

In the last report of this committee reference was made to the original correspondence, which was kept up for years between Mr. Hugh Blair Griggby of Virginia, and the Hon. R. C. Winthrop, of Boston. This correspondence was given to the society by the sons of these gentiemen—Mr. C. Carrington Grigsby and Mr. R. C. Winthrop, Jr.—having been handsomely bound at the expense of Mr Winthrop.

handsomely bound at the expense of section with the instance of Mr. Barton H. Wise, the Executive Committee have caused to be copied the Mackimles "Plain and Friendly Persuasion to the Inhabitants of Virginia and Marvand," the only printed copy of which known to be in this country being in the library of Harvard University.

ROLL OF NORFOLK COUNTY.

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Through the generous assistance of the "Great Bridge" (Norfolk county, Va.) Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, a copy has been made for this society of the first volume of the records of the roll of Norfolk county, now at Portsmouth, Va. This manuscript is of great interest.

The committee has been corresponding with Mr. S. Wellford Corbin with a view to securing the Corbin letter-book.

Among the pictures added to the collection of the society is an engraved portrait of Mr. Edmund Ruffin, the distinguished agriculturist, presented by Professor C. W. Dabney, of Washington city.

A series of very interesting colored photographs of the portraits of the Fitzhugh finnilly have been presented by Mr. W. B. Saunders has given an engraving of the office of Lord Dummors, in Williamsburg, and Mr. Mercer Shughter a bust of Mr. Jeffersen Davis. An olipainting of Captain William Payne has also been loaned the society by his daughter.

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Two very handsome swords have been presented to the society by Mr. Walter F. Sinclair by request of his father, Dr. Whitam F. Sinclair, formerly of the United States and Confederate States navies. The one is a sword which was presented by his native State (V rginla) to Commodore Arthur Sinclair, who entered the United States navy as a mid-shipman in the year 1785, and became a Commodore in 181. The sword wits presented in recognition of his valor and skill while in command of the United States vessel General Pike, in an angovement, with the British fleet in Lake Brie in the year 1812. The other is a sword which was the property of Past-Midshipman William Beverly Sinchair, of the Confederate States navy, who, at the age of It years, while at sea in the Confederate States ship Florica, gave his life to save that of a sailor from drowning, July 19, 1864.

As your committee has previously re-

1824.

As your committee has previously reported, the society pessesses a large number of very valuable and original manuscripts. Of them a catalogue has during the past year, been prepared, and will soon be ready for examination by fishers to the rooms. Under an arrangement with the State of Virginia, made through Mr. W. W. Scott, the State Librarian, the State has agreed to publish the whole manuscript of the London Company's Minutes, now in possession of the society. Only abstracts of this manuscript have heretofore been published, and the amouncement that the whole will appear under the supervision of the society will be of great interest to students of American history.

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That the interest in the work of the society is unabated is evident, not only by the contributions of the substituers, but by the number of visitors to its room. A report of this has been kept for some months past, and the exhibit is very gratifying.

A matter of general interest to American scholars, and one especially gratifying to the society, has been the jublication of the "Economic History of Virginia in the Seventeenth Century," by our corresponding secretary, Mr. Philip A. Bruce. The reception which has been awarded this work has established Mr. Bruce's position as a critical and exhaustive historian of the subject, and has reflected honor upon this society.

PROFFESSOR TYLER THE ORATOR.

Our constitution provides for the de-

livery of an annual address before the society and the public generally by some scholar chosen for the occasion.

For the present year Professor Moses Coit Tyler, of Cornell University, has accepted the invitation of the society, and will on the 22d instant deliver an address his subject being "The Naming of the Great Republic." The society is to be Great Republic." The society is to be congratulated upon having this distinguished historian, who, besides many other works of merit, has gained the interest and esteem of Virginians by his life of our great Virginian. Patrick lieary.

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THE SOCIETY MAGAZINE.

What we have published in our magazine for the past year speaks for itself. The material was of a character which, we believe, fixed the interest of scholars and rasintained the reputation of the magazine. In the coming year the Publication Committee proposes to present to the readers of the magazine a series of original historical documents equal in interest and value to those which have already selected—

1. The continuation of the reports of the General Court for the years 1825-27-28, being the earliest judicial decisions extant in America.

2. The reports made by Thomas Ludwell, while Secretary of the Colony, on the attack by Dutch men-of-war in 1988 on the fleet of Virginia merchantmen lying at the mouth of the James river.

3. A reprint of Francis Mackamic's treathse on the best method to promote the building of towns in Virginia, dated 1704.

4. Extracts from the Colonial records of Prince George county, Va., in the cighteenth century, of which only a few volumes have escaped the ravages of the Revolutionary and late wars.

5. A series of miscellaneous documents and letters taken from the Ludwell manuscripts, now in possession of our society, 6. A list of the shareholders of the Lon-THE SOCIETY MAGAZINE.

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7. A continuation of the genealogical data, showing the character of the early emigration from England to Virginia.

8. Contributions to "Historical Notes," throwing additional light upon the history of Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

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At our last meeting illness forbade the attendance of one of the society's oldest and most zealous friends, and for many years a vice-president—Dr. W. P. Palmer. We then, by resolution, sent him the assurance of our sympathy in his suffering, but we are now called upon to record our grief at his death, which occurred on the 3d day of March, 1896. No one more devoted to the objects of this society was ever a member of it. With a taste for historical research, which, in the opportunity of ample leisure, was highly cultivated, his devotion to all that belonged to Virginia history amounted aimost to a passion.

The society has also lost by death among its life members Messrs, Isaac Davenport, Jr., George B. McAdams, and John Pope, of this city, and among its annual members Messrs. G. Brown Goode, the genealogist, H. B. Denman, William H. English, the statesman and author, and Robert Garrett.

THE SOCIETY'S RETROSPECT. The retrospect of this society since the e-establishment of its magazine is full of

The retrospect of this society since the re-establishment of its magazine is full of sencouragement for the continuance of its work. We have made but small impression upon the mass of original and unprinted material which we have for publication—a mass probably exceeding in amount that of any other historical society in the country, and sufficient to furnish matter for years to come.

The interest in historical subjects is not only unabated, but increasing. Many societies having for their object the preservation of historical facts, and the excitement of pride in the part which the ancestors of the members may have taken in important events, have been organized throughout the country. Such action, though not moved by any critical purpose, is very influential for maintaining a spirit which will appreciate historical tessarch of the mest accurate character. The standard which this society has set for itself of publishing all original inaterial has given a dignity and value to is publications to which the country has for so many years been deprived, it is not unreasonable to hope that we may see our library and buildings enlarged, and the Virginia Historical Society become what it deserves to be—as perfect in appointment as any other similar society in the country.

WHO MR. TYLER 18.

largely based upon to collected by Mr. terial collected by Mr. William Wirt Henry, of this city, and is perhaps the most excellent example of the short

most excellent example of the biography in American literature. Professor Tyler is remarkable for the charms and purity of his style, as well as for the ripeness of his information. All these qualities he carries into his public addresses, making him one of the most addresses, making him one of the most nicresting and attractive speakers and lecturers we have in this country. He has given special attention to the history of the American Revolution, and it is a phase of this subject which he has selected for his address, to be delivered in the House of Delegates Tuesday evening-namely: "The Naming of the Great Republic."

all of his writings Professor Tyles has done full justice to the great part which this State has played in American history. His "Life of Henry" is a splendid tribute to Virginia in the great lays of the Revolution and the formation of the Union. No historical writer in America is entitled both for what he has written and for the charm of his personality to a warmer welcome at the hands of our people. The address to be delivered Tuesday night will be popular in character, and will be of the highest interest to all. During Professor Tyler's stay here he will be the guest of Mr. Joseph Bryan, president of the society,

at Laburnum.

Following the reading of the report, which was frequently interropted with applause, the election of officers took place with the following result:

President, Joseph Bryan. First Vice-President, J. L. M. Curry. Second Vice-President, Archer Ander-

Third Vice-President, Virginius Newton.

Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, Philip A. Bruce. Recording Secretary, Robert Lee Tray

Treasurer, Robert T. Brooke. Executive Committee-Lyon G. Tyler, of Executive Committee-Lyon G. Tyler, of Williamsburg; Edward W. Jones, of Norfolk; E. C. Vennble, of Petersburg; Professor Charles W. Kent, of the University of Virginia; Colonel W. H. Palmer, E. V. Valentine, C. V. Meredith, Barton H. Wise, William G. Stanard, B. B. Munchard V. Gaines and D. C. Richord, Richard V. Gaines, and D. C. Rich-

ardson, of this city.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the society for the ensuing year: C. E. Hakes, of Paulding, O.; A. B. Snow, of Stanford, Cal.; Rev. Edgar Woods, Charlottesville, Va.; Miss Emily H. Eppes, City Point, Va.; Rev. William, M. Clarke, of Richmond, and Captain Colville P. Terrett, United States army.

The society then adjourned.

THE BOSTONIANS THIS WEEK.

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Light opera worthily presented is the keynote to the success of the famous Bostonians, who will appear here on Christmas-Day and the day following.

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Extravagant diction is unnecessary to sound the praises of this organization. For a long time they have held undisputed sway in the light-overa field, and they still easly remain first. The presentation of "Robin Hood" will be made on a most elaborate scale, with special scenery and accessories. The names of Henry Clay Barnabee, William H. MacDonald, Jessie Bartlett Davis, Hilda Clarke, Eugene Cowies, Alice Nielsen, George Frothingham, Josephine Bartlett, William E. Philp, T. Kelley Cole, Gracie

This year the cast finds some changes. The soprano roles are entrusted in the hands of those talented young singers—Hitla Clarke and Alice Nielson—whi e the tenor parts are sung by William E. Philp, the great Loudon tenor, who created a furore here last season in Gilbert & Sullivan's "His Excellency."

LECTURES ON TWO PRINCES. Mr. Dobbins and His Wife to Be at

the Y. M. C. A. This Afternoon. Mr. A. Dobbins and wife, of Boston University, will give a course of two lectures on the "Two Princes," a story of the Christ taken from the two realistic books, "Ben Hur" and "The Prince of the House of Pavid," in the Young Men's



MR. A. DOBBINS.

Christian Association Hall this afternoon and to-morrow night. The lecture to-morrow night will be for both ladies and gentlemen. These lectures are illustrated by nearly 150 stereopticon views, of which the Roanoke World said: "The illustrations are superior to anything of the

The Norfolk Virginian, in speaking of these lectures, said such excellent art and teaching must be witnessed to be pro-



MRS. DOBBINS.

perly appreclated. The lectures are ac Handel's Messiah and music of the Hin-

Mrs. Dobbins will sing the famous solo. from the oratorio of the Messiah, "He was Despised and Rejected," playing her own

Mr. and Mrs. Dobbins, with their daughter, will remain in Richmond only until Wednesday, when they go to fill engage-ments in Washington. Their entertainments here have been greatly enjoyed

WEEKLY BUDGET FROM FULTON. Officers of Henrico Council-Christ-

mas Music-Other Notes. mas Music—Other Notes.

At a regular meeting of Henrico Council, No. 733, R. A., held on Thursday evening, the following officers were elected for one year; Regent, Joseph E. Sorg; Vice-Regent, C. D. Smith; Orator, W. T. Creekmur; Chaplain, H. J. Mays; Secretary, W. J. Kerr; Collector, James B. Vaughan; Treasurer, Samuel P. Waddill; Guide, George M. Rogers; Inside Sentinel, Ulric W. Rogers; Outside Sentinel Woody Throckmorton; Representanel, Woody Throckmorton; Representa-tive to Grand Council, Dr. James F. Crane; Alternate, Frank J. Parater. The

k Henry, council has increased in membership very much during the year.

This life choirs of the several churches here are busy rehearsing for Christmas. Professor S. A. King, of Street Methodist Episcopal church choir, has given much time and attention to make the music a success. The promake the music a success. The programme includes numerous new sacred sones by trained voices, as well as dialogues, recitations, and addresses by prominent persons.

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Mr. Albert Samuels will direct the singing of the choir at the Fulton Baptist church. Mrs. S. B. Minson. Mrs. Heath, and Mrs. Keuster have arranged a very pretty programme, including hymns, dialogues, recitations, and an adhymns, dialogues, recitations, and an ad-dress by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Harri-son. The misses of the church will pre-sent a piece, entitled "Christmas in Japan." Mrs. Gill and her orphan boys have been invited, and will, no doubt, attend and participate in the exercises. Mr. Joseph L. Bickerstaff has sold out his fartilities hospess to New York Mr. Joseph L. Bickerstaff has sold out his fertilizing business to a New York concern. He retires from the business on account of continued ill health. An erroneous report had it that it was Mr. James B. Bickerstaff who had sold out, which had no foundation whatever, except in the confounding of names.

The proposed steam-flour-and-corn-mill orneet is now assuming shape, and the

project is now assuming shape, and the promoters are very hopeful that it will be an established fact. Many inquiries have been made with a view to subscrib-ing stock to the mill since the item ap-peared in the papers. It is said that the mill will have machinery that will grind may other commodities besides wheat

Mr. Andrew Silder, a young man about Friday, Dr. Kuyk rendered the necessary surgical attention.

Mr. J. M. Bryan, the courteous and affable superintendent of the National Cometery, has been engaged the past two weeks in overlooking improvements at Fort Harrison Cemetery, of which Dr. John Ridgely is the efficient superintendent. The latter, on account of ill health, cannot attend actively to his

Mr. Richard Dowden is leader of the choir of the Episcopal church, and will have special music and songs arranged for their annual Christmas festival, which

will take place between Christmas and Mr. Lawder's resolution in the Council towards opening up Hopkins street to Hague is a good one, and as the cost is so little it is hoped that this honorable

body will pass it body will pass it.

Dame Rumer has it that one of Fulton's young business-men, and one of the suburb's most charming young ladies will be made one early in the coming year.

Cards of invitation have been issued for the marriage of Miss Sarah Mann to Mr. Henry N. Hardin. The happy event will be solemnized at the Apostolic characteristics.

The Apostolic church has an excellent choir, under the management of W. Reams, which will have special Miss Laura Harrison returned home Thursday, after a very pleasant and ex-tended visit to friends in Boydton. The Millihiser Man ifacturing Company started Monday to work overtime, being

hurch next Wednesday evening at 8

Arrested on a Grave Charge Arrested on a brave Charge.

Detective John T. Hall arrested a
young white man, named John J. Graft,
at the Windsor Friday night, at the request of the Norfolk authorities, where
he is wanted for embezzing \$217.63 from
the New York, Pennsylvania and Norcell religions. the New York, Fernsylvania and Nor-folk railroad. Graft was taken back to Norfolk yesterday morning by Detec-tive Eastwood, of Norfolk. The young man left Norfolk last Fr day on his bi-cycle and rode here, arriving Wednesday. He went to the Windsor and paid a week's board in advance.

very busy with orders.

N. C. SENATORSHIP.

INTEREST IN THE SUCCESSION TO

DANIEL ON CUBAN RESOLUTION.

He Is for Recognizing Belligerency of the Insurgents, But "Independence" Is Another Thing-Ellett's

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 19 .-(Special.)-The election of a United States senator in North Carolina is looked forward to with the deepest interest by the representatives of all parties in both houses of Congress, as, in a certain contingency, it may involve the political complexion of the Senate. Both the Silver National Committee and the Democratic National Committee will take a hand in the coming fight when the Legislature meets at Raleigh. The object of the two committees is to unite the Populist and the Democratic vote in the Legislature, and elect either a Populist or an independent free-silver Democrat,

The two most prominent names mentioned are those of W. A. Guthrie, late Populist candidate for Governor, and Judge Walter Clark, now Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court. At the silver conference held at Senator Teller's house on Friday night this matter was fully discussed. Mr. Guthrie and his brofully discussed. Mr. Guthrle and his brother-in-law, Colonel Julian S. Carr, were present, and they both gave assurances, it is said, that either Guthrle or Clark could be elected. Senator Butler is understood to favor Clark, for the reason that it will be impossible to unite the Populist vote on Guthrle. He proposes to take care of Guthrle, either in the reorganization of the Senate, which will follow after the 4th of March, provided the North Carolina Legislature elects a free-siver senator, or by making him Judge Clark's successor.

In the event that Senator Dobois is defeated for re-tection in Iowa, and the

feated for re-election in Iowa, and the Senate is controlled by free-silver men. Dubois will be elected Secretary of the Senate, and Guthrie Sergeant-at-Arms.
With Dubols out of the way, Guthrie is slated for Secretary. This is understood to be Mr. Butler's line of fight in the effort he is making to defeat Senator Pritchard.

DEMOCRATIC DOUBT. Yet, it must be said that many well-informed North Carolinians here doubt seriously Butler's purpose to defeat Senator Pritchard. Two men were never more chummy, apparently, than were the two North Carolina senators on Thursday last, just before Senator Pritchard's departure for the scene of his coming great contest. They lunched together, and both appeared to be happy. Certainly, there can be no such hostility between them as recent publications would indicate. It is to be observed, too, that the Democrats express little confidence in the outcome. It is believed, on very good authority, that Butler has lost his absolute control over the rank and file of the Populists in the State. The Watson and Coxey letters have materially weak-ened, it is said, his influence as a leader. A prominent North Carolina Populist said the other day that two thirds of more of the Populist members of the Legislature were elected as anti-Butler

Senator Pritchard, Chairman Holton, of the North Carolina State Republican Committee, and State Committeeman Grant have left the city for North Carolina. When arked about the senatorial outlook, each and all of them expressed absolute confidence in a Republican re-sult. Senator Pritchard will spend Christington about January 1st. There will be no protracted contest, he says, over the senatorial election. "The Republicans are united on Pritchard," said Chairman Hoiaffairs pending the election of senator."

RETROCESSION OF ALEXANDRIA. The proposed retrocession of the terri-ory in Virginia formerly included in quite a hubbub among resident Virginians bere, and the natives across the Potomac. "You can bet," said Commonwealth's-Attorney Marbury, of Alexandria, "that the people of Alexandria will never consenpeople of Alexandria will never consent to it. If there is one thing a Virginian likes more than another it is to vote. They have no desire to be political nonen-ties." None of the members of the Vir-ginia delegation in Congress regard the matter in a very serious light, and Reore-sentative Meredith, in whose district Alexandria and the territory in question is, voiced the sentiment of the people, not only of his own district, but of the whole State, when he said: State, when he said:

"The resolutions do not amount to any-thing. The question has already been tested, and it has been found that everything about the retrocession by the gov-ernment to Virginia was regular. No man who lives in that territory need have any fear that his citizenship in Virginia will be taken from him. The rear rainbow chaser."

MR. ROYALL'S SUCCESS.

At the close of Mr. William I. Royall's argument before the Banking and Currency Committee to-day, during which there was a running fire of inquiry and response between him and the members of the committee from start to finish, he was greeted with applause. The consensus
was that he had presented his views of
the urgent necessity of the repeal of the
19 per cent, bank-tax in a most unanswerable and convincing way.
Mr. Royall has served notice that something must be done that has regard to
field-worker of the International Sunday

while all of the committee did not sub-scribe absolutely to his views, had made a greater impression than any other man who ever appeared before them." This obstantiated what was said in the press

gallery.

Mr. Walker paid quite a compliment to Mr. Royall, and said further that "his remarks had done more to break down the hide-bound prejudices of many of the committee than everything else that had happened put together."

Representative Ellett was asked to-day what he would be able to do with the various bills before Congress in which his constituents are interested, at this short session. He said: "Well, I have promised to push with all possible vigor, the Richmond College claim for \$25,000, first; and second, I will strive to at first; and second, I will strive to at least make a berinning for an appropriation of \$500,000 to erect a United States court building in Richmond, to accommodate the Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Circuit and District courts. The present Custom-House is entirely too small for its present uses, and the erection of this building would leave it wholly for the internal revenue offices, and the post-office, which needs sadly the first two floors, instead needs sadly the first two floors, instead of the one it now occupies."
"How about the Richmond Locomotive-

"How about the Richmond Locomotive-Works' claims?"
"I would like very much to see it passed, but as it has been intimated that it will be extremely fortunate to secure two recognitions, or even one recognition by the Speaker for measures calling for appropriations, I don't think I can myself secure recognition to bring up the measure. Besides, I gave it the favored place, notice, and attention last year, and it was only defeated by the absence of many of its friends. Mr. Connelly F. Trigs, who had the claim in charge us attorney, being, at the time absent on account of sickness, should the claim come up in an appropriation bill, I shall, of course, do all in my power for it on the floor of the House.

No complaint whatever has ever been made of the machinery, or that part of the work done by the Richmond Locomotive-Works, even by these slanderous articles. Even a casual observer can understand the interested motives of those who are so relentlessly pursuing the Texas. She was built in a government navy-yard, and rot by private contract: navy-yard, and not by private contract; more than that, she was built in the

Captains Glass and Robley Evans, of th navy, than whom no officers stand higher for efficiency, courage, and inte-grity, both prosounce her one of the grity, both pronounce her one of the most seaworthy and easily handled ships in the navy. Besides, Chief-Engineer Melville, standing at the top of his profession, commends her in the highest terms. These opinions of disinterested witnesses, of such experience and training, should catable he status of the Texas, despite her "accidents." DANIEL ON CUBA.

Senator Daniel, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, was Relations Committee of the Senate, was absent when the resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba was adopted by the committee. He returned to-day, and when asked his views regarding the action of the committee, said: "I was not at the committee meeting, having gone home for a brief visit, and I am not informed of the facts and views laid before it. Upon conferring with my colleagues, it is possible I may concur in their course, but as yet I am not prepared to do so. Belligerency is a state of public the tend in their course, but as yet I am not prepared to do so. Belligerency is a state of public war, and as public war is being waged by the patriots in Cuba to throw off the Spanish yoke, I think the fact should be recognized, and regret that the advice of Congress to do this was not acted on by the President. But independence is another thing, Belligerency may be recognized without offence to Spain. Independence of Spain cannot be recognized. nized without offence to Spain. Independence of Spain cannot be recognized without affront. The one step means neutrality, the other hostility. I am pondering and studying the situation, and this is all I can say at present."

The Senator was then shown the address of Senor Canovas to the people of the United States published in the New York Leavent.

Journal of to-day, and in reply to a question as to what he thought of it, said: "The address of Canovas is a dignifiel and powerful statement of the Span-ish side of the question. My sympathy is with the Cubans, and with all people struggling for independence and liberty, but our course as a nation should be governed by our interests as a nation, and it is from this standpoint alone that those who shape national action should take their reckoning."

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A canvass of the Foreign Relations Committee of the House regarding the Senate Committee resolution, made this evening, discloses the fact that a large majority of them are outspoken and flatly opposed to the resolution. One is strongly in favor of it, four others are only partially so, and one is noncommittal. It is the impression of the interviewers that the House Foreign Relations Committee will refuse to report the Senate. Committee will refuse to report the Senate resolution, unless instructed to do so by a direct vote of the House.

PERSONAL ITEMS. Colonel John S. Cunningham, of North . Carolina, was in the city yesterday, and had numerous interviews with the representatives from that State on po and other topics. He left for Phi phia by a late train. The Colonel He left for Philadelthe greatest interest is manifested in the election of a senator to succeed Pritchard. He has been elected to the legislature by a handsome majority, and his friends are urging him for the speakership of the House of Commona.

Mr. John M. Spellman, of Dallas, Tex., has been chosen president of the senior class of the Columbian University law school. He received the full vote of the Virginia students.

R. S. L'bby, of Leesburg, Va.; M. W. Bryan, of Roanoke, Va.; J. T. Aldeman, of Raleigh, N. C., and W. A. Blair, of O. P. Janney, of Leesburg, Va.; E. T. Secton, Richmond, Va.—National.

C. A. Page and wife, J. T. Ellyson, Richmond, Va.—the Raleigh, H. F. Leiscott, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Mrs. W. Post, Mrs. J. L. Hurst, Buchanan, Va.; P. C. Mills and wife, Emporia, Va.; S. Wendenfeller, Charlotte, N. C.; A. Talmadge, Richmond, Va.; E. W. Hodgins and wife, Hampton, Va .- St.

Aaron Whittaker has been commissioned a fourth-class postmaster at Samuel, N. C.; Andrew J. Rector, at Sandy, N. C.; May L. Chappell, at Loco, Va.; and Alfred S Jackson, at Bath, N. C. The tast-named office is a money-order one. Star mall-service changes have been Star mall-service changes have been not be even an abstinence-day,

Star mall-service changes have been made in Virginia as follows:

Vance to Mountcross: From December 16, 1996, supply Vance at its new site without change in distance.

Hernando to Dillons Mills: Modify order of August 14, 1896 (Bulletin 5019), so as to state an increase in distance of one to state an increase in distance of one mile by change of site of Hernando, Electric-car service changes have been made in North Carolina as follows: Pine-nurst to Southern Dines (Section) hurst to Southern Pines Station (n. o.):

Pinehurst electric rallway, seven miles. Refer to order of November 25, 1896. Among the fourth-class postmasters ap-pointed to-day are C. E. Jones, vice L. H. bointed to-day are C. E. Jones, vice L. H. Bruce, resignsii, at Antelope, Rocking-ham county, Va.; W. E. Fraher vice A. E. Flint, dead, at Forest Hill, Brunswick county, and J. A. Sydnor vice W. O. Coleman, resigned, at Mannboro', Amelia

field-worker of the International Sunday thing must be done that has regard to the agricultural people or the rest of the country is in great jeopardy.

Chairman Walker said that "Mr. Royail, in the afternoon and evening. He was met in the afternoon and evening. He was met at the station and escorted to the Jeffer on, where he is stopping. At 4:30 in the afternoon he illustrated the method of preparing and teaching the Sunday-school esson at the Young Men's Christian Asso-lation. The attendance was very large, ciation. The attendance was very large, and the proceedings quite interesting to

> Last night at 8 o'clock Professor Hamill delivered an address at the Seventh-Street Christian church to the Sunday-school teachers and superintendents of the city. teachers and superintendents of the city. The gifted worker in this line was greeted by Sabbath-school workers of all classes and conditions, and after the singing of the hymn "All Hall the Power of Josus' Name," there was a fervent prayer by Rev. Dr. W. V. Tudor, pastor of Centenary Methodist church. Professor Hamill began his lecture by referring to a topic recently spoken upon by Rev. Dr. Burruss to a large audience in Boston. Dr. Bur-russ then delivered a discourse upon the subject of "International Lessons." Prosubject of "International Lessons." Pro-fessor Hamili said that this was one of the best essays on this subject he had ever had the pleasure of listening to. The speaker then took up the subject of the model Sunday school, and in this connection he brought out five strong points. The first was as to the attend-ance. Mr. Hamili said that it was necespoints. The first was as to the attendance. Mr. Hamill said that it was necessary for the Sunday-school pupils to be at the Sabbath-school services promptly and nunctually; second, they should be orderly; third, they should study the open Bible, eaving their slips and helps at home; fourth, they should encourage a missionary spirit, and should let this feeling permeate all the Sunday schools; fifth, they should cultivate a spiritual atmosphere.
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> Professor Hamill gave a series of blackbard illustrations to demonstrate his teachings. He drew lines portending to show the battle around Petersburg during the recent war, and went on to illustrate the necessity for a solid centre, notwithstanding the condition of the outer ranks. He argued strenuously for a weekly meeting of the Sunday-school teachers of the city, and his advice fell into sympathetic ground.

the United States court-house are claims, which affect all of my constituents, and should have preference in my opinion, yet I would be delighted to see the Locomotive-Works' claim also passed."

THE TEXAS.

It not only affects a large number of our citizens, but its passage would do much to rectify the injustice done the unfortunate battleehlp Texas by the many slanderous articles published about it.

No complaint whatever has ever been made of the machinery, or that part of the work done by the Richmond Locomotive-Works, even by those slanderous articles. Even a casual observer can understand the interested motives of those who are so reientlessity pursaing the Texas. She was built in a government.

will answer later.

Messrs. B. F. Johnson and R. S. M. Val entine, two leading Sunday-school workers in Richmond, spoke upon the propriety of all the Sunday-school teachers of this

city meeting every three months and hearing from other Sunday-school work-ers throughout the State who can offer any valuable suggestions as to the conany valuable suggestions as to the conduct of the work.

At 8 o'clock to-night there will be a mass-meeting of Sunday-school workers at Centenary church, and Professor Hamili will offer some valuable suggestions

The postponed meeting of the Methodist Sunday-School Society will be held at Park-Place Methodist church this after-noon at 3 o'clock. There will be exercises by the children—recitations and singing.

by the children—recitations and singing. The address will be by Rev. Mr. Rawlings, whose subject will be "What will we do with our Sunday schools this coming conference year?" Superintendents will The old white house, on the corner of Main and Seventh atreets, is being converted into stores. The house was pur-chased recently by Mr. G. A. Walker, but the land is still the property of Mr. Hayes. One of the stores will be rented

by a large hardware firm.

Dr. Carmichnel's Lecture Postponed, The lecture which Rev. Dr. Carmichael was to have delivered before the Scottish Rite Masons to-morrow night has been postponed until a special meeting, which will be held some other evening.

Personals and Briefs. Father Ahern has been quite ill, but is now convalescent.

Mrs. Sallie E. Coates is sick at her home, on north Tenth street.

Miss Lora Chapin, who has been sick for several weeks, is much better, Mr. L. I. Thomas, of New York, is in ond, to remain until after the holidays.

Colonel Fred. Pleasants and wife left vesterday for Halifax county to spend the holidays. Major Strachan Norment, a distinguish-

ed lawyer of the Eastern Shore, is in Richmond. The little boy of Mr. Samuel Crane

who was so badly burned last week, is greatly improved. Colonel William E. Peters, professor at the University of Virginia, is stopping at Murphy's Hotel.

Trensurer Jesse S. Jones, of Elizabeth City county, called at the First Au-ditor's office yesterday. Miss Florence Bloomlers will spend her Christmas vacation with relatives in Philadelphia, her birth-place.

Cadet M. L. Bloomberg, of Blacksburg, will spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, No. 616 north Fifth street. Dr. Robert M. O'Ferrall, who died in Lafayette, Ind., several days ago. was a cousin of Governor Charles T. O'Ferrall,

Bishop Van de Vyver has returned home from Lynchburg, where he has been attending to some business mat-Miss Mamie Brown, of Baltimore, Md., will spend the holidays with her friend, Miss Bella Walden, of No. 65 north Fifth

Mrs. Susan A. Conklin, of Brooklyn, N. is spending the winter with Mrs. H. Pelouse, of No. 720 east Marshall

Mr. Wythe D. Anderson still remains very sick at his home. No. 701 north Twenty-seventh street, with a return of malarial-fever.

with her brother, Walter S. Bigger, of Cumberland county. Mr. J. T. Terrell and wife will cele-brate their silver wedding on Wednes-

day night, December 23d, at their residence, No. 1427 Floyd avenue. Thursday next the vigil of Christma will be fast-day of obligation. Although Christmas will be on Friday, it will

The negro woman, Mary Meekin, who was shot by Tom Smith a few nights since, was do'ng very well at the alms-house last night. She will recover.

City-Sergeant Epps, Superintendent G.
B. Davis, of the Almshouse, and Gas-Inspector J. M. Shelton, the sick city officials, are reported to be much better. Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. Kemper Coleman and Miss Maud Jack-son, on Wednesday, December 23d, at 8:39 P. M., at the bride's residence, No. 305

Reservoir street. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Epes, parents of Congressman-elect Sidney P. Epes, of the Fourth District, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding on Wednesday evening.

An error in the letter of Dr. Parker, All error in the department of the wrong idea. What he wrote was that "poverty is beter than idleness and slavery."

The marriage of Mr. Douglas Sharp to Miss Susle Browder has been announced, to take place on Tuesday, December 2sth, at the residence of the bride's father, on Everett street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first. Miss Edith Dade, daughter of Chief-

Engineer Francis C. Dade (United States navy), of Philadelphia, who has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. V. M. Roddy, is now with her re'ative, Mrs. Fitzhugh Mayo, No. 18 Foushee street. A live-pigeon-shoot will take place at Blandon Park on the 22d instant, when Mr. "Tell" Mitchell and two local sportsmen will shoot a match of 100 p geons for the gate receipts. Several other matches are being arranged to take place

The Richmond Club, of the Virginta Polytechnic Institute, arrived in this city yesterday. The boys are home now to spend their well-carned Christmas holidays. In the party were: Captain and Adjutant Charles Priddy, Sergeant H. B. Warren, Cadet F. L. Palmer, Cadet E. A. Separk, and Cadet G. F. Delarue.

A very pretty home wedding took place at No. 919 east Marshall street Wednes-day afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, when Miss Mary S. Branton became the bride of Mr. W. R. Richardson, The bride, a charming blonde, was tastefully attired in a travelling dress of brown and tan. She is very popular among a large circle of acquaintances. The groom is a rising young business-man of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson went to Norfolk, their future home.

Richmonders in New York NEW YORK, December 19.—(Special.)—P. T. Sutton, Fifth-Avenue; W. N. Wilson, St. Denis; H. T. Meloney, Imperial; Miss N. Neale, C. O'B. Cowardin, Windsor; Miss F. A. Mera, Plaza,

Dockers for Continuing Strike HAMBURG, December 19.—A ballot was taken by the striking dock-laborers to-day, with a view to ascertaining the sense of the strikers upon the question of continuing the strike or resuming work. The result of the ballot was 7.25 votes in favor of a continuance of the strike, and 3.671 in favor of abandoning the struggle and going back to work.

LABOR FEDERATION

MUSICIANS AND ELECTRICIANS TAKEN INTO AFFILIATION.

THE NEW YORK DECORATORS

Their Case and That of the Box-Makers Acted Upon-Elglid-Hone Committee to Go to Washington-

Hendquarters at Washington CINCINNATI, O., December convention of the American Petersian on Labor opened promptly the

with nearly all the delegates The Committee on Presidrecommended the granting of to the American Federation of which now has a members 5,000, be endorsed, and the s tion was unanimously concu

The Committee on Reors recommended that the Nation tion of Electrical-Workers be at fillation, and the co-opera-American Federation of Lab work of organization, and mendation was concurred in A resolution to renew efforts

the pardon of Ephralm Clark jall at Tomlinson, Me., was at A recommendation that the Council extend aid to the Int. Longshoremen's Association, ter of organization, was

leagues was sent to the Luws. A resolution that localdues be considered in bad decided not to be in the

the convention.

On motion of Mr. Ryan, tive of the New York T and Decorators' Union, No. the floor to make a sia troubles between that or the national organization After reviewing the case, mitted a proposition to en-by means of the reorgani-contesting organizations int zation, this to be followetion with the American

President Gompers and De non each reviewed the n the local union was a pointed our that the n tion could not, as self-re-men, permit the affiliati union, under the present was granted to men who was granted to men who a ganization were filting strikers. Delegate Valentine, of

ers, reviewed the whole manded that the charter revoked, after which the would do all in their pow bring about a union of th

The committee's recomms that the local affiliate with association. The previous called, and the decision of the convention reaffirmed. Mr. James H. Payne, of C. given the floor to speak makers' grievance, against cation for a national charter matea Woodworkers'

over the boxmakers. Delegate Mahon moved that the Prication refuse a charter. EIGHT-HOUR MOVEMENT Consideration of the report ment was taken up, the ing on each recommenda and endorsing each un

the one favoring the approximative of two to go was reached. Delegate Lloyd moved to am by the Executive Council, an ment was carried, after a sion, by a vote of 44 to An amendment was offer to meet expenses in carry

Mrs. Maggle J. Young, of No. 2513 east visions of the sub-commit Clay street, has left to spend the holimember of all bodies affi American Federation of Two substitutes were off the matter was discussed for adjournment arrived.

Immediately upon the the convention for the aft

> roll-call on the proposition f assessment resulted in 665 ay nays. The proposition for a seament was adopted by

ommitee's report, as then adopted.

President Gompers anno there has been formed an en-tional union, a bicycle-worke union, a butchers' national u reported by the Law Co.

concurred in.

The matter of removing the headquarters was then bro the convention by the Law Washington was selected. 1,765, against 597 for Chicago.

CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

000-The Embezzler Non Est. ssued to-day for the arrest of ? Miles, treasurer of the Rosto Deposit Company, charging him embezzlement of \$25,000 from the Miles, it is said, has absorbered will probably reach.

At a meeting of the direct Boston Safe-Deposit and Trust held to-day. F. C. Miles wa from the office of treasurer George E. Goodspeed was electroscopic and trust and the same from the office of treasurer. ant treasurer. A committee rectors is now engaged upon nation of the affairs of the President F. M. Stone says it ble at present to state exactly which the company will suffer the misconduct of Miles. It is p say, however, that the loss amount to as much as the profits of the company, and wi air the capital or surplus, an

last night, but have been unab him, and believe that he has lo It is admitted that the at bezzled by Miles is at least to police have notified the large of sent a description of the fugit American Surety Compan is on Miles's bond for \$30,000.
sentative of the company had
ference with the directors of the ompany to-day.

Faneral Notice.

The funeral of Mrs. R. P. BLUN-take place from Union-Station THIS (Sunday) AFTERNOON,

(corner Sixth and Main streets .- Preacher 11 A. M. and S. P. M. by Dr. E. L. Witt president of Columbian University, of Wash on. D. C.

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BOOK AND JOB WORK NEATEN